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# Res Gestae

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## Happy Accident or Vast Conspiracy?

### New 1Ls Have Some Unexpected Similarities

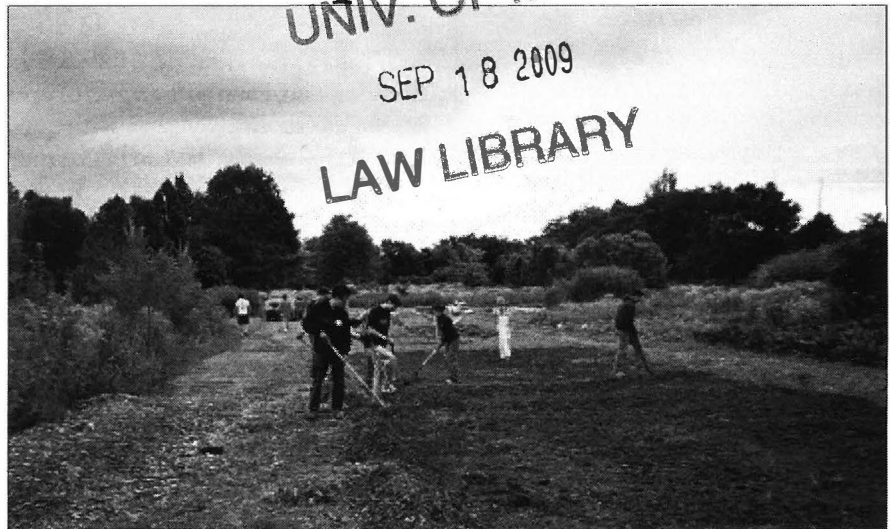
By Brett DeGross

Brendon Olson did some intriguing things before coming to the University of Michigan Law School this year. The only thing is, he can't tell you about most of them.

For the past two years Olson worked for the National Security Agency evaluating information gained from intercepting wire and radio signals. For five years before that he worked in Operations.

"I can't talk much about that," Olson said.

Put Olson in a room with 370 randomly selected people and no one would have a story to match the stuff Olson can tell you. But of course Assistant Dean for Admission Sarah Zearfoss doesn't admit people to the



1Ls - already hard at work! For more on Service Day, see page 4.

Law School randomly. And the members of this year's crop of 1Ls have done some pretty fascinating things. Among them are a political analyst for the Israeli embassy, a Notre Dame tightend, four Peace Corps volunteers, and a woman who had never been in a motorized vehicle until she got on a plane seeking political asylum.

That Zearfoss assembled an interesting group of people is nothing new. She seems to do that every year. But, she has noticed a couple interesting trends this time around that she doesn't see as attributable to any unifying factor.

"We have several people with dis-

ability rights backgrounds," Zearfoss said. "We also had more people identifying themselves as serious political conservatives than we normally do.

"It's nice to get a critical mass viewpoint. It changes the dialogue a bit."

There were also a couple trends pretty obviously attributable to recent economic difficulties, with a spike of applications from people with journalism and finance backgrounds.

Seventy percent of this year's 1Ls took at least a year off after earning their undergraduate degrees and 12

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# A Laurel, & Hearty Handshake

Hey y'all,

Goodness but we're old. And no, I'm not talking about the Law School itself, though the RG will be featuring news items from the Susquetennial events in our upcoming issue, 60.2. No, I'm not even talking about the age, wisdom, and questionable sagacity of the 3L class (holla!). Nope, folks, this time it's the *Res Gestae* itself, the august (and the rest of the year) publication I have the joy of heading during this, its Diamond Anniversary. Yep, you read that correctly – sixty years of all the news that beat the publication deadline.

The RG has changed a lot over the decades, and, even as the woes of print media are repeatedly (and with questionable irony) rehashed ad nauseum in blogs, we've opted to celebrate MLaw's enduring and arguably beloved student newspaper over the course of this entire year – call it a reflection of our continued evolution, both as a student body and a student paper.

Looking back by looking forward, one example of history making its presence felt in the RG is the return of the Question on the Quad, a wholly delightful exercise combining statistically flawed survey methods, USA Today-style graphics, and Onion-esque reporting; our first try has already, thanks to the rabid LawOpen readership and some very good sports down in the snackbar, been a startling success. (It's on p.12, if you're interested.) We hope this is only one small way in which the RG can continue to strive to be both fun and relevant to you, our readership, by not forgetting where we come from.

Looking forward by looking back, and all denigrations of e-media aside, our website – theresgestae.com – had a great launch last year, thanks in no small part to y'all's stunning commitment to the Grade Curves. (They're on p.16, since I *know* you're interested.) What you may not know is that we at the RG have a dream, a dream wherein

our 60 year history is merely a click away. We'll be working with the fab library staff to make the RG online archive a reality, and hope to make great strides this year. In the interim, you still can find your favorite articles from this year and last online, as well as become a fan of the RG on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. We feel dreadfully unpopular right now, and we're counting on all of you to embrace your inner nerd enough to change that. (Our moms said we were a catch, but now we don't know who to believe.)

Another way you can help the RG and other student orgs, 3Ls, is to support the Nannes challenge during the upcoming month. Yes, we realize that the legal employment market currently bears a distinct resemblance to Pompeii, what with the continual rain of crap as reported by Above The Law freezing people's job prospects in positions of abject horror.

We also have no shame.

As such, the RG is humbly requesting that, if you do decide to donate (and you should!), please earmark at least a mere \$5 of your donation to your school paper. It's not a lot – over the course of three years, you can think of it as 14 cents an issue, or less than a dollar a grade curve, if you're one of our more periodic readers – but if all 200 participants did it, that'd be \$2000 dollars (we think, we're not great at math) guaranteed to be reinvested in keeping folks' time at MLaw filled with awesome. Just think about it, alright? I'll be reminding you later in the issue, regardless.

With that small, but heartfelt plea in mind, welcome back, UMichiganers - old, new, and those who soundly reject binary classification systems. We're happy to have (and serve) you.

[heart],  
Rooks

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## Letter to the Editor: Hot for Tutors

Dear Editor,

Like many upperclassmen, I was surprised to return this year to find that one of the best peer-to-peer support services available to 1Ls has been so radically retooled as to make it almost useless. Like the majority of 1Ls, last fall I took advantage of the tutoring service that has, for years, provided 1Ls with a proactive way to quell their anxiety over classes, manage course loads, and keep study groups on track. Additionally, I got to meet and become friends with 2Ls and 3Ls I probably never would have encountered otherwise.

The restructuring of the tutoring program actually began last fall. Dean Gregory implemented a policy that prevented requesting a tutor until several weeks into the term. This was a departure from years past when tutoring was available at the beginning of each term. This term, with little fanfare, Student Affairs posted the next phase of the restructuring on their website. The new policy states that "services are limited to students with a cumulative grade point average below 3.2 ... [,]students may not request a tutor until they have completed one semester of study ... [, and] students may request tutoring for a maximum of two courses in any one semester."

I think most students who have utilized tutoring would agree that tutoring is most useful during your first semester of 1L. This is when anxiety about the unknown is at its highest, and tutors are the best resource 1Ls could have to battle back the stress that follows. Moreover, removing the program in such an abrupt manner is unfair to those who were looking forward to having this resource available to them after being told about the program by current students.

Student Affairs has valid concerns that prompted this change. The largest is that those that they believe need tutoring most are not able to receive the individualized attention they need because of the number of students requesting tutors. Rather than considering any type of prioritization system, however, the administration jumped straight to a hard GPA cap. This will attach a stigma to the program that will be unacceptable to many that Dean Gregory is trying to help. People will be afraid to be associated with a program that necessarily means that they have a below median GPA.

Putting this restriction in place completely undermines the idea that Michigan is a collegial environment that deemphasizes GPA. This policy stresses GPA in a very unhealthy way. Shouldn't the goal of the Law School, and tutoring as a program they implement, be mastery of the material rather than a high GPA? Putting a premium on past performance in unrelated courses reveals a mindset that GPA is all that matters and that grasping the material is simply a means to that end. Further, it can be helpful for students who are struggling to have students who have no trouble grasping the material in their tutoring groups, something the policy explicitly forbids.

It has become clear that it is the view of Student Affairs that tutoring should be used as a remedial measure and that the FYI program is the way that students should get initial help coping with classes. But this is flawed in a couple of ways. The first is that Student Affairs damns the process from the beginning by recruiting students for FYI as though it is what it used to be, an extended orientation program. If you're not clear and honest in your recruiting, you're not going

to find people well suited to the task at hand. Last year FYI leaders were surprised, and many not too pleased, to find themselves thrust unexpectedly into the position of teaching class preparation. Without even informing them, tutors were spread evenly among the groups to aid Student Affairs in this flawed method of getting academic aid to students. But even if this were not the case, the small number of FYI leaders doing a few programs on a volunteer basis cannot match the helpfulness that tutors consistently provide in small group settings.

This will also harm the quality of the tutors. Under the current policy, only 40-50 1Ls, summer starters, are eligible for tutoring, and they are only taking three subjects. This means many tutors will only be able to begin in the winter semester, which will mean for many of them that a full year has passed since they dealt with the material and they will have less experience tutoring.

The administration perceives a shortage of resources in tutors and this is their solution. They are truly throwing the baby out with the bath water. This is only one troubling aspect, however, of what appears to be a flawed process of developing and modifying policies. It seems that a small number of administrators will perceive a problem, discuss it only amongst themselves, and implement broad changes without notice or public discussion. This leads to problems that cannot be foreseen when there is absolutely no vetting process. It will only be when the administration becomes more open and invites collaboration that we will get sound policies that move the school forward.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Talley  
2L



# 1Ls Start Their Public Interest Careers Early!

By **Hermine Wong**

Each year our incoming 1L and LLM classes participate in a law school-sponsored Service Day as part of the orientation program. At its best, some students have fun for a couple of hours. More often than not, though, memories of previous Service Days elicit eyerolls and a few cheap shots. ("Oh yeah...Service Day... that's where the school puts you on a bus with 80 people, gets you lost in Detroit, tells you to tear down a house of asbestos, and the only equipment they give you is a box of latex gloves. Then after a couple of hours of standing around and getting stung by bees you come back and pretend like you did something meaningful and somehow bonded with all 79 other people, right?")

Well, this year, Service Day got a makeover. More sites, more speakers, more faculty and staff leaders, and a new twist: student org sponsorships! Without the contributions of the student organizations this year, it would have been impossible to reach out to so many different programs. Read about all the different ways our incoming class contributed to our communities this year!

**BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER: Section N and LLM Section C** painted the main room of a community center that provides recreational, educational, social, and cultural enrichment programs to Ann Arbor residents, regardless of income level. **Professor Kim Thomas** led the group with **Wolverine Street Law** student volunteers **Teresa Lin, Michael Adler, Stephen Rooke, and Elizabeth Bell**.

**CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTER: Section F** traveled to the CCC in Madison Heights to recreate the highly successful "Chinatown Exhibit" that had finished its run at the Detroit Historic Museum. Without the supplies donated by the law school and the hard

work of Section F, the exhibit would have languished in a basement. Instead, before the group left they had painted and drilled large pieces of the exhibit onto the walls of the center and jumpstarted a project that may never have happened otherwise. Staff member **JJ Arevalo** led the group with **APALSA** volunteers **Grace Wang and Travis Rimando**.

**DAWN FARM: Section M and LLM Section A** worked alongside residents of this long-term residential care facility for individuals with substance abuse problems. The group helped garden, harvest, and maintain the farm. **Dean Christine Gregory** led the group with 2L volunteer **Stephanie Herschaft**.

**DETROIT COMMUNITY INITIATIVE: Section I** traveled to Detroit. They worked to clean up a Detroit neighborhood and paint over graffiti with the Detroit Community Initiative. In fact, they worked so hard they didn't even have time to take pictures! Staff member **Kathie Wilder** led the group with 2L volunteer **Daniel Korenstein**. Detroit Deputy Mayor and **Faculty Fellow Saul Green** visited the group and led a lunch-time talk.

**D-TOWN GARDENS: Section J** gardened, harvested, and built scarecrows at the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network's D-Town Gardens. D-Town is a 2-acre model urban farm in Northwestern Detroit that provides produce to a community where access to fresh produce is scarce. It also sells its surplus produce at local farmers' markets to subsidize its work. **Professor Nick Rine** led the group with BLSA volunteers **Ashley Washington and Quentin Smith**. **Faculty fellow** and Assistant U.S. Attorney **Judith Levy** visited the group and led a lunch-time talk.

**SAT/ACT/COLLEGE WRITING WORKSHOP: Section P** went to Ypsilanti High School to tutor students who could

not afford a college prep workshop. During their "down time" the section also worked to weed the school's outdoor areas. FAIT member, **Kellie McEvoy**, developed the program for the day. **Professor Nicole Appleberry** led the group with FAIT volunteers: **Kellie McEvoy, Brittllynn Hall, and Pat Mobley**.

**GLEANERS COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN:**

**Sections K and L** had been scheduled to work at one of the nation's first food banks: Gleaners. But at 8 o'clock the law school received a call that the food bank had to be closed for an emergency. **Sections K and L** graciously waited until the school worked out alternate arrangements with the pre-existing sites, and then they joined the work of some of our other sections at the Bryant Community Center and the Cedar Bend Nature Area. **Dean David Baum** and 2L student volunteer **Ehsan Sanaie** helped make the unexpected transition run as smoothly as possible.

**HURON RIVER CLEANUP: Section E and LLM Section B** cleaned up an area of the Huron River in Ypsilanti. This part of the river is popular with fishermen and located across the street from a Ford plant. Using waders, canoes, and their hands, the students cleaned up the riverbanks and fished out a ton of baffling items including a safe, a cash register, and a bicycle. **Professor Andy Buchsbaum** led the group with ELS volunteers **Bobby Mauger and Nate Gambill**. Ann Arbor Township Supervisor Mike Moran visited the group and led a lunchtime talk.

**CEDAR BEND NATURE AREA: Section G and LLM Section D** stayed close to home. Cedar Bend Nature Area is a 19.5-acre park, one of Ann Arbor's oldest city parks, and bounded by North Campus. At Cedar Bend, the sections learned to identify invading plants and then weed or hack them out as appropriate. Staff member **Al Lagrone** led

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# Pride and (DLA) Piper

By Patrick Barry

## Chapter I

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a second year law student in possession of a good transcript must be in want of a job at a big city firm. However little known the feelings or views of such a student may be on her first entering the job market, this truth is so well fixed in the minds of American Lawyer Top 100 firms that she—and her billable hours—are considered the rightful property of some one or other of their practice areas.

"My dear Mr. Bennet," said his lady and fellow senior partner to him one day, "have you heard that Ms. Prey is set to summer at last?"

Mr. Bennet replied that he had not.

"But she is," returned she; "for Mrs. Long has just been to early interview week, and she told me all about it."

Mr. Bennet made no answer.

"Do not you want to know what her GPA is?" cried his wife impatiently.

"You want to tell me, and I have no objection to hearing it."

This was invitation enough.

"Why, my dear, you must know, Mrs. Long says that Ms. Prey's GPA is so high, it might be better measured on the Richter Scale; that she has enough Book Awards to start a library; and that listed among her references is, amicus style, the entire Supreme Court."

"Is she married or single?"

"Oh! Single, my dear, to be sure!

A single woman of large free time, 20-30,000 hours a year. What a fine thing for our offices!"

"How so? How can that affect them?"

"My dear Mr. Bennet," replied his wife, "how can you be so tiresome! You must know that I am thinking of her entering one of them."

"Is that her design in graduating?"

"Design! Nonsense, how can you talk so! But it is very likely that she may be interested in one of them, and therefore you must take her out to The Chop House as soon as possible."

"I see no occasion for that."

"But, my dear, you must indeed go and wine and dine Ms. Prey when she comes into the job market."

"It is more than I engage for, I assure you."

"But consider your branch offices. Only think what an establishment it would be for one of them. Sir Covington and Lady Burling are determined to go, merely on that account, for in general you know they hire no new graduates. Indeed you must go, for it will be impossible for us to hire her if you do not."

"You are over scrupulous surely, I dare say Ms. Prey will be very glad to see you; and I will send a few lines by you to assure her of my hearty consent to his entering which ever she chuses of the branches; though I must throw in a good word for my little Chicago."

"I desire you will do no such thing. Chicago is not a bit better than the others; and I am sure it is not half

so profitable as New York, nor half so prestigious as DC. But you are always giving it the preference."

"They have none of them much to recommend them," replied he; "they are all so soulless and corrupting like the other firms; but Chicago has something more of imagination than her sisters."

"Mr. Bennet, how can you abuse your own children in such a way? You take delight in vexing me. You have no compassion on my poor nerves."

"You mistake me, my dear, I have a high respect for your nerves. They are my old friends. I have heard you mention them with consideration these twenty years at least."

"Ah! You do not know what I suffer."

"But I hope you will get over it, and live to see many young graduates of Michigan Law School come into the market."

"It will be no use to us, if twenty such should come since you will not woo them."

"Depend upon it, my dear, that when there are twenty, I will woo them all."

*Patrick Barry . . . doesn't actually go here. Having already pursued a graduate degree in English at the University of Michigan, Patrick decided to get the heck out of Dodge for law school while the getting was good, and he actually attends our neighbor to the south, the University of Chicago, for all his legal education needs. He's back in Ann Arbor working on that other degree, however, and since we at Michigan are collegial sorts, we decided to let bygones be bygones. Point out to Patrick where fun clearly goes to have more fun at rg@umich.edu.*



## Save Yourself:

# Get Out Now, While You Still Can!

By Carla Lee

Welcome and welcome back, as appropriate, to another year at Michigan Law. For those of you who aren't already familiar with "Save Yourself," it's basically a reminder that life is bigger than law school and you shouldn't ignore all the things you loved to do before you were a law student. Your time here will pass quickly, and though I know well the pressures of grades, resume building and job hunting, especially in this economy, I highly recommend that you spend some time outside Hutchins exploring the Ann Arbor area and living a well-rounded life.

I tend to focus on free entertainment, because my budget is pretty tight but also because there are a lot of fantastic free events available to us. No matter whether you love it here, loathe it here, or fall somewhere in between, there is more to life here than campus events and studying.

Because it's still fairly early in the semester, which means we have more free time and the weather isn't completely miserable, here are some upcoming area events to get you off campus and out of your home.

### *Biking*

The Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society sponsors various rides throughout the week.

Wednesdays are West Side Rides, moderate to fast-paced 25-mile rides and slow-paced 18-mile rides, and Superior Salem Dirt Road rides, slow to moderate-paced 19-mile rides along gravel country roads. Call 426-5116 for information about longer rides or 665-4552 for information about shorter rides.

Thursdays are fast to moderate-paced 25-mile rides around northeast

Ann Arbor which include areas to practice climbing skills. Meet at the Fuller Pool parking lot on Fuller Road or call 996-9122 for more information.

Saturdays at 9 a.m. are Dexter Breakfast Rides, beginner-friendly, slow-paced 22-mile rides and moderate to fast-paced 30-80 mile round-trip rides to Dexter. Meet at Wheeler Park, North Fourth Ave, or at Barton Park, Huron River Dr.

### *Hiking*

September 16, 19, 23, and 23: Shawn Severance, a naturalist with the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, will lead prairie hikes through the different county parks. Call 971-6337 for more information.

Saturdays in September (9/19, 9/20, and 9/26, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) are the Geology Arts Fair which includes displays and workshops on Michigan geology, guided geology hikes through the Waterloo Recreation Area, and demonstrations on stone polishing, alabaster carving, and micromounting. Gems and stones will be for sale. Eddy Discovery Center, Bush Road (west from Pierce Road off I-94 exit 157) in Chelsea. Call 475-3170 for more information.

On Sunday, September 20, 10 a.m. to noon, Faye Stoner, a naturalist for the Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission, will lead a hike to look at fall wildflowers, native grasses, and butterflies. Wear long sleeve shirts and shoes that can get wet. Meet at Park Lyndon North on North Territorial Road in Lyndon Township or call 971-6337 for more information.

On Sunday, September 20, 1 p.m., Barry Lonik, local outdoorsman, will lead a five-mile hike through the

Waterloo Recreation Area which includes a swim in Crooked Lake. Meet at Zingerman's Roadhouse parking lot, 2501 Jackson Road, to carpool or call 477-5715 for more information.

### *Birding*

The Washtenaw Audubon Society leads hikes through Nichols Arboretum on Thursdays 8-11 a.m. during September and October to look for southbound songbird migrants. Meet in the cul-de-sac at the end of Riverview or call 677-3275 for more information.

### *Gardening*

On Saturday, September 19, 9 a.m. to noon, there is an ecosystem restoration workday at the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum. The public is invited to help remove invasive plants and snacks and tools will be provided. 1800 N. Dixboro. Call 647-7600 to register or for more information.

### *Running*

Sundays, the A2Sunday Runners host informal five to seven mile runs along scenic routes. Meet at Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea in Kerrytown at 8:30 a.m. or call 657-0214 for more information.

### *Team Sports*

On Sundays at 10:30 a.m., join a relaxed pickup game of Ultimate Frisbee at Mitchell Field on the south side of Fuller Road. Call 846-9418 for more information.

September 21 and 28, 7 p.m. to dark, the Ann Arbor Ski Club hosts an all-skill level volleyball game in

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This Is Water:

## Letter to an Erstwhile Valedictorian

By Dave Heal

As your 1L year gets under way, increasing numbers of adults in your life will describe the main difficulty of the first year of law school as “learning to think like a lawyer.” Not only do they make it sound exhausting and terrible, but loads of them have packaged this observation along with a general admonition against becoming a lawyer at all. This is information that might have been helpful a year or so ago but now seems more like hostility cloaked as advice. They’ll come brandishing out-of-context Shakespeare quotes and bemoaning the state of tort reform in two-sentence talking points and will aggressively accuse you of mortgaging your future only to be turned into a bigger and more useless jerk than you already are. There may be something to that last bit, actually, but now’s not the time to sort all that out.

You’d like to imagine, after having probably taken some time off, invented PCR, joined and left the academy, or done some other remarkable thing with your giant brain, that you at least have a reasonable shot at being good at and might even enjoy this “thinking like a lawyer.” What this usually refers to, I’m guessing, is mostly a kind of unalloyed reasoning process, having something to do with the ability to dispassionately carve up complex problems into their constituent parts and progress logically to a solution.

Pleasant surprise time: most of it really isn’t that new. Sure, there’s something uniquely systematic and initially slightly foreign about reading and processing caselaw. But if you’ve worked at all with texts or done any scientific problem solving (making a bong out of your Mountain Dew emphatically does NOT count), or even been able to reliably find Waldo, you’ve probably got the

tools to do a passable job at reading legal opinions after some practice. That these opinions often more closely resemble Lewis Carroll’s Jabberwocky than something you’d expect to be a guide to the law will provide a considerable obstacle to your understanding. But eventually you’ll learn to distinguish legal sense from nonsense as well.

Like the MBA, the JD is a professional degree, and you should be prepared to be somewhat overwhelmed by the intellectual stimulation offered by some of the courses you’ll have to take. But look on the bright side: judging from a very small sample of, well, me and my roommate, your legal training will amplify your already heightened sense of your own rightness. And at the very least you will gain the ability to verbally bludgeon your mildly inebriated friends at home into acknowledging how right you are about everything all the time. Now, there are less expensive ways of becoming no fun at parties, but this is the particular one you chose, and you should embrace it. Or at least use your new power with care.

Indeed, what should instill you 1Ls with The Fear is not the Socratic method but rather the prospect of turning into that annoying cocktail party lawyer who thinks the rest of the civilized world always gives a crap about the fine distinctions that you’re going to be learning to care about. I believe that people who come into law school as tactful, empathetic people will usually emerge pretty much unscathed, taking with them some valuable tools and hopefully discarding whatever obnoxious groupthink tendencies are engendered by a prolonged suckling at a common teat. Thankfully, most of us are no longer 18 and therefore not as susceptible to turning into the legal equivalent of the obnoxious freshman philosophy major who’s just

had his first Hegel-induced erection. But let this be a reminder: law school doesn’t have to change who you are. That may sound incredibly obvious and corny, but it becomes less self-evident the deeper in you get.

Not only does law school seem especially successful at burning think-like-a-lawyer pathways into the brains of eager, impressionable students, but it also seems to lock them irreversibly into writing really really lame prose. I would never begrudge your looking forward to peppering your casual speech with archaic latin phrases in that typically student-y way that results in a lot of creolization and awful puns. See, for example, my 7th grade Spanish class and the inevitable deployment of the made-up verb ‘ramajar,’ which provided four marking periods of juvenile comic relief before our teacher relented and finally taught us some sex slang. But there really should be an activist group lobbying against the yearly creation of thousands of head-smackingly dull prose stylists. On the other hand, according to one Georgetown Law professor at an event I attended before law school, few of his students knew how to write in the first place. So maybe there’s something noble in merely teaching us how to write a minimally comprehensible complete sentence, even if it’s only minimally comprehensible to a small subset of the population. That being said, your first exposure to Alex Kozinski or Oliver Wendell Holmes should convince you that you don’t have to give up writing lucid, unique prose in order to be precise and persuasive.

And so with that, here’s some unsolicited but heartfelt advice:

1. Continue to do other things that make you happy. Law school

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When (They) Were Cooler: Rockband Edition

# For Those Who Used To Rock, We Salute You

By Ryan Particka

For those of you new to the column, When You Were Cooler is a window into the way the cool kids lived. Note that I said lived – here at WYWC we focus exclusively on what your classmates did prior to losing their coolness by coming here. To start the year off right, we have a double feature, paying tribute to what was hopefully a summer full of live music (or at least Pandora), eargasms, and crowd surfing. Saying that, I'm fully aware that very few of you have crowd surfed. But I digress.

*Jake Walker*

If you have ever been at a concert and thought to yourself afterward, "Gee self, I really wish I could take home a copy of what I just heard," it must have been a show that Jake Walker (3L) was not at. Shortly after undergrad, Jake and one of his classmates started a company and created technology that allowed them to produce 1,000 CDs in 15 minutes. If that is not remarkable enough, they then took their business venture on the road in a 26-foot trailer and sold copies of just-finished shows to satisfied concertgoers.

It turns out that all sorts of artists liked the idea and contacted Jake about going on tour with them. He "worked with the Pixies, Billy Idol, Kenny Loggins, Dead Can Dance, The Doors (of the 21st Century; you know – minus Morrison), and Christian rock band The Newsboys, among others." He toured with the Pixies for most of 2004 and 2005, both with the original company and then with a second company that he also started. His stint with the Pixies "went all over Canada, America, Europe and Japan."

A lot of what Jake did on tour was pretty typical for a business like his: burning the CDs, checking on the robotics of their system, doing quality control, and even some legal stuff, such as making sure that contracts were signed by the right people. The best part of his time on tour was when he "got a chance to line check David Lovering's (from the Pixies) drumset in front of 50,000+ at the Reading Festival near London." In his words, "I sort of played drums in front of 50,000 people (though no one could really hear me)."

There is some residual coolness to all of this though, as Jake has been invited to hang out with the Pixies and see them perform this November, when the band will again be touring in the United States. As Jake said, when asked why he decided to come to law school, it "turns out that you can't make money in the music business." That may be true, but I wouldn't argue with the perks.

*Travis Rimando*

While Jake Walker was hobnobbing with rockstars, Travis Rimando (2L) was busy becoming one. Travis, known to some as DJ Pone, began DJing during highschool. He was largely self-taught, practicing as often as 6-10 hours a day by the time he was competing.

Travis would classify himself primarily a turntablist/battle DJ. That is, instead of simply playing pre-recorded music, he manipulates it. He treats "the turntable as a musical instrument," imagining that he "would've taken to a 'real' musical instrument if ... exposed to one and encouraged to learn as a kid." At the height of his competition career he was a US finalist in the DMC DJ Championship – the DJ competition

of all DJ competitions. Past finalists at the DMC include the Beastie Boys' DJ, Kanye West's DJ, Beck's DJ, and Madonna's DJ.

Even having gained quite the reputation from competing, he may be more famous for being a member of the Transplants, a punk superband consisting of Travis Barker from Blink 182 on drummer and Tim Armstrong from Rancid on vocals/guitar. Travis was on their album and on stage in 2005 when they were a headliner on Warped Tour.

When asked why he DJ'd, Travis referred me to an article by Professor Mark Katz in which he was quoted, saying "it was a way for a 'shy, videogame-playing guy to kinda be at a party without being a wallflower. You were there, kinda commanding it.'" Travis has even spent some time in academia, co-founding a DJ academy and lecturing at Berkeley and UCLA.

A legal education may be more practical for a DJ than most of us would realize, as Travis had an interesting experience shortly after the DMC DJ Championship when Disney offered him the chance to be the DJ on a Disney Channel show. They faxed him a 15-page contract and gave him less than 24 hours to make a decision. Even prior to coming to law school, he knew that the terms were unlikely to be as favorable to him as they could be and Disney did not want to change any of them – he likes to call that the "Day Mickey Tried to Pimp [Him]." He ultimately settled on law school because it was a way to use most of his skills and "somewhat stay involved in the entertainment business or creative arts."

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Best of LawOpen:

## The Rules of Engagement: LawOpen Edition

By Jesse Taylor

LawOpen is a strange and awkward beast, like walking into a shopping mall where one of the stores sells something that's really, incredibly sexist. It is, however, our strange and awkward beast, and so we must tend to it lovingly and with care, lest it turn on us in our sleep.

There are a few basic rules that everyone should understand about LawOpen. Unfortunately, everyone doesn't. Well, everyone, time to go to church. The first rule is that you don't talk about LawOpen. At least with Above the Law. We're a family here, albeit one where every single person is stressed, and the topic of 90% of our conversations is ourselves. Or wait, no, that just makes us a family. Keep our drama our drama, because not only does that make all the drama a lot more fun, but it also means potential employers won't be reading about the names you called someone because they disagree with your take on Rick's.

The correct take, incidentally, is "cesspool of memories." That is the only credited response.

The second rule of LawOpen is to keep it entertaining. And that means entertaining for the entire readership, not just your one friend who you want to talk about that one thing that one time with. Put a little bit of extra work into your e-mail. Take five minutes out of your day to find a relevant YouTube clip or hell, just steal a Family Guy joke. It's not like any of us have actually seen a new episode in three years. (For those of you wondering what's happened, it's usually hijinks interspersed with random references to things that are only entertaining to people born between 1972 and 1988, coupled with random intimations that Stewie is gay. It's still not clear how well people understand that Brian is

a dog.)

The third rule is that you should be careful with the "Reply All" button. By "careful," I mean, "not using it." The additional benefit to this is that I don't have to sit at Dominick's and hear someone at a nearby table grouse about how boring LawOpen is, and then hold up your e-mail on their iPhone and say, "See?"

The fourth rule is don't be that guy, because really? Really?! You have to interrupt this \$28 pitcher of sangria that I'm trying to pretend is affecting me to say that?

The fifth rule is to condense, condense, and please, for the love of God, condense. If you make a typo, and it needs to be corrected, use one more e-mail to correct it. It's not so much that your eventual self-flagellation for your profligate LawOpening won't be entertaining...but we get it. And we still love you.

The fifth rule is that LawOpen is a marketplace, by and large. Take note of the prices. Use a basic economic theory called "copying and pasting" if need be to determine what to price your item at. I say this only because I feel terrible for the person selling an E&E for \$25 surrounded by people selling the same book for \$10, offering Lawyers Club delivery and rubbing

my back right now. Those other people are also attractive and charismatic.

Fundamentally, LawOpen is a place where many things happen. We sell football tickets. We buy football tickets. We realize we forgot we have a wedding on the weekend where we bought the football tickets, and try to re-sell the tickets, and then have the person who sold us the football tickets ask us why we're trying to re-sell them, and then we tell them why, and then we are friends. Every so often, we sell study guides, too. And sometimes...sometimes, magic strikes.

And let's have some more magic. LawOpen isn't just a forum to get rid of your humidifier. Why not talk about why the most popular books in America seem to be written for teenagers? Let's discuss why the Food Network no longer teaches people how to cook but instead breeds soulless shilling machines. I've seen enough laptop screens to know how many people read *The Superficial*, yet not a single line about how much Dane Cook sucks? Because he's terrible. I mean, awful. Did you see Mr. Brooks? Neither did anybody else. Sorry, Kevin Costner and Demi Moore, your careers would have been salvaged but for that spastic mumblehouse.

Discuss.

## Wait, I *Can't* Bring My Drum Kit to Civ Pro?

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Currently, Travis is trying to do what he can to stay connected to his music, which includes booking a couple of house parties for the coming semester. Keep your eyes and ears open because you never know who might be behind the turntables.

In that vein, if you happen to know of someone who used to be cool, feel free to pass along an anonymous suggestion. I'm especially looking for 1Ls, and unless I get tips, I have no one to write about. As always, feel free to send comments and suggestions to rg@umich.edu.



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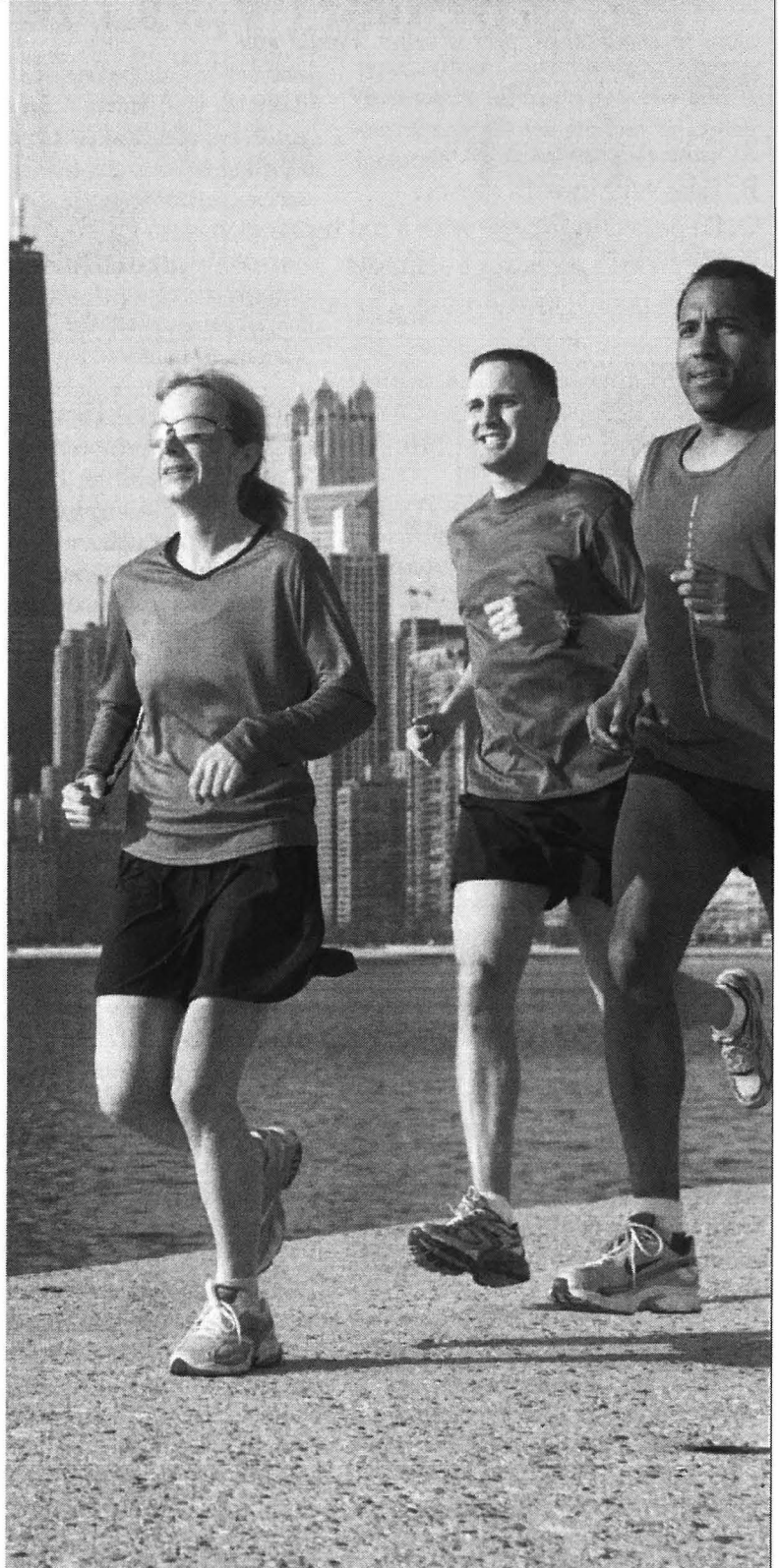
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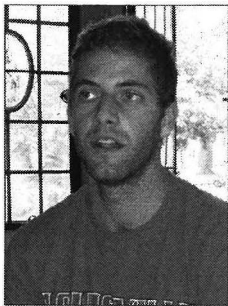
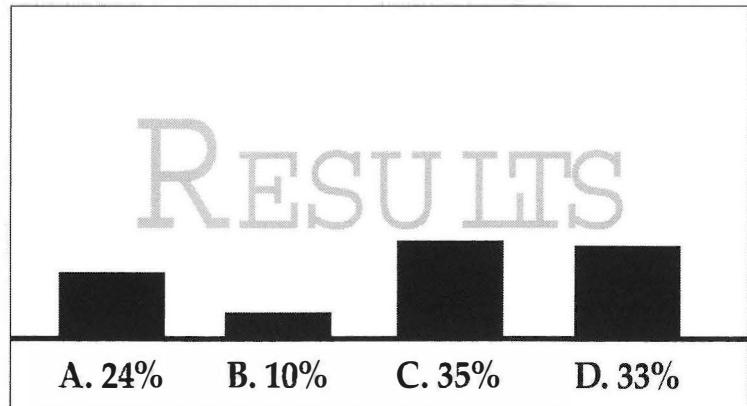




## Question on the Quad: It's Back!

It comes every year on LawOpen - someone's decided to take Administrative Law, and they want to know which prof is better. Would you rather:

- A. Take Admin with Croley
- B. Take Admin with Payton
- C. Be poked in the eye with a red hot poker twice a week for a semester
- D. Wait, people take Admin? On purpose?

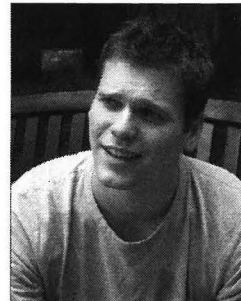


**Nic Markman, 2L**  
(Option D -  
A : People take  
admin?)  
"Will it help me get a job?"

**Hermine Wong, 3L**  
Professor Croley's  
Research Assistant  
A : (Option A - Croley)  
"I took it with Professor  
Croley and I tell people to take it  
with him all the time. I loved it."



**Mandy Castle, 3L**  
"From the rumors  
on the quad, there's  
A : no good answer to  
that question."



**Kevin Weber, 1L**  
(Option D - People take  
admin?)  
A : "The only classes I know  
anything about are the six  
courses we're required to take."

## Letter to an Erstwhile Valedictorian

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can be dull and all-consuming, but everybody here used to have interests and even passions that didn't involve Aspen Publishing. Keep doing them or your soul will die a thousand deaths.

2. Having more or less failed at doing this during my 1L year I know it's difficult, but try to keep reading stuff for pleasure. Whether it's fiction or non-fiction or the Superficialist, it will be good for both your writing and your mental health to think about other things for some non-trivial amount of time every

week. If you have to write it into your iCal in order to get it done, do it.

And finally, and most importantly:

3. Give your classmates a break. Most people are kind of scared and intimidated and self-conscious about seeming smart. If on a daily basis you can try and be self-aware enough to acknowledge your own similar feelings, it'll be easier to cut the kid in the front row some slack for being a bit overeager and obnoxious. This will probably take a substantial amount of effort and

concentration. And, if you are like me, some days you won't be able to do it. But on most days, if you're conscious enough to give yourself a choice, you can choose to look differently at the guy or girl in your section that everybody dismissed as a gunner on the first day. Some of those people may be assholes, but many of them are good and well-meaning. Empathy isn't a skill that is taught here, but if you can at least attempt to give people the benefit of the doubt, I've discovered they often surprise you.

1Ls, I wish you [way more than] luck!



Between the Briefs:

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# Posner Says Patent Law, I Hear *Real Sex*

By Rooks

Law school is trying to kill my love for HBO On Demand. I'm sure of it. I can't see *Six Feet Under* without contemplating trusts and estates, *Cathouse* without thinking about feminist jurisprudence, *Deadwood* without hiding from the FCC, *True Blood* without the 14th amendment, or *Carnivàle* without contemplating the religious, historical, and yet strangely post-apocalyptic mysticism of we, we happy few, we band of schmoes who willing decided to put ourselves through law school in the hope for something, anything better.

And now, *Real Sex*.

More than any other late night HBO programming, and way before it became known as The Channel for quality uncensored television shows, *Real Sex* was foundational to my, and many of my friends, evolution as sexual beings. It was one of the first places where many people saw alternative expressions of sexuality represented as valid and, well, *Real*. It was where many of us learned how other people have sex, whether or not that subsequently informed how we had sex. It was late night, semi-covert consciousness-raising for millions of teens and adults who, though potentially alone in their living rooms, were beginning to realize that they might not be alone in the world.

And it was where I saw my first glass dildo.

Unfortunately, HBO seems to have decided to scrub its website of this low-gloss televised sexual "magazine," despite the fact that they still regularly air the show, so I can't tell you which episode, or even which season, but it doesn't matter. I clearly remember seeing this particular episode for two

reasons: 1) repeated use of the term "hand blown," which is a colossally above par and fantastically apt double entendre, given the subject matter of the segment and the nature of the show, and 2) I was, at the time, very freaked out but the thought that the dildo could somehow break during over-vigorous use. (It can't, but nothing sticks with you quite like potential glass shards.)

Ok, ok, I can't blame law school for ruining everything. In fact, it's only enriched my love of what I've taken to calling sex toy jurisprudence, as y'all have, by this point, certainly noticed. (There's still more out there than you might think.) But therein lies the problem – this summer, my past and present supercollided into something way heavier than Element 112 (zinc and lead officially had a baby this summer, it's newly registered at the Periodic Table), like a fever dream written and directed by Richard Posner. (His book *Sex and Reason* is betimes more than nightmarish enough for y'all to hopefully get how that could be problematic.)

Here's how it went - a good friend came across a case on ATL (Above the Law, for the 1Ls – see Best of Law Open, p. 9 for more on them) that she thought I'd be interested in checking out. "It's about sex toys!" she said. It doesn't really take much else to get me to click on a link.

Oh, it was about sex toys alright.

Turns out, the very company I'd seen featured on HBO's *Real Sex* segment on glass dildos so many moons ago, Know Mind Enterprises, had been, for years, embroiled in a patent infringement suit with another company, Topco. Though the opinion's a mere six pages long, it provides ample opportunity for many of the

typical (dare I say trademark?) Posnerisms we've all come to know and . . . something. Some soon-to-be classics include:

*"A more perspicuous term is "sexual devices," by analogy to "medical devices." The analogy lies in the fact that, like many medical devices (thermometers for example), what we are calling sexual devices are intended to be inserted into bodily orifices, albeit for a different purpose."*

or

*"By "lubricious" – a word whose primary meaning, appropriate for a sexual device, is "lecherous" – the patent means only "slippery," which is the secondary meaning of the word."*

or even

*"Nevertheless, though the plaintiffs' invention is useful (setting aside any qualms that one might have about sexual devices in general), it is not patentable if it would have been "obvious," not of course to the average person but to a person having the relevant technical skills."*

You can probably tell, then, that the actual case turned on the question of obviousness. Glass sex toys were once primarily made out of standard soda-lime glass. Know Mind's toys are made from borosilicate glass, aka Pyrex, which, beyond the obvious benefit of being more slippery, is also resistant to "heat, chemicals, electricity and bacterial absorptions," and they patented them as such.

Posner missed a couple of glass dildo highlights though, probably in the interest of efficiency. They're also dishwasher safe and can be frozen or heated, just like your Pyrex cookware, if you're the sort of person who likes

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# Service Day: New Students, Into the Wild

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the group with ELS volunteer **Sarah Bullard**. Professor **Neil Kagan** visited the group and led a lunchtime talk.

**MICHIGAN SEA GRANT: Section H** spent the first half of its day on a presentation on marine debris and a guided canoe trip to explore the coastal area with Michigan Sea Grant researchers. The second half of their day was spent in waders, cleaning up the beach of what seemed to be an endless accumulation of plastic. Staff members **Liz Seger** and **John Masson** led the group with ELS volunteer **Wayland Radin**.

**SAFEHOUSE CENTER: Section O** went to this domestic violence and sexual assault center to assemble back-to-school supplies, disinfect the children's area, and weed. They ended up re-landscaping much of the grounds! One of the staff members pointed out a dangerous area of the property that unwelcome people occasionally used to hide out. One of the students was a former landscaper! What the staff never knew was that their problem could be solved with some inventive landscaping and really hard work. **Section O** definitely made their mark at SafeHouse. Profes-

sor **Bridgette Carr** led the group with WLSA member **Mandy Castle**.

And did these changes make a difference? Here are what people are saying now...

"I was cleaning invasive species in a beautiful forest reserve, and by the end of the day, I felt like I had known the sub-group of people that I was hacking and pulling trees with forever!" Angbeen Mirza, LLM Section D.

"I think the best part of Service Day this year was that it felt connected to the law school. It can be difficult to understand the purpose of going to an arbitrary location and doing public service when you do not have a larger context in which to place that service. Using existing groups to create the sites provided that context." Michael Adler, Wolverine Street Law volunteer.

"Although I hate having to wake up so early (not a morning person at all), it was definitely worth it. I'm glad Michigan makes Service Day mandatory (all law schools should), and I think everyone got a lot out of it. Service Day provides the perfect opportunity

to make new friends and contribute to the local community...two birds with one stone! Service Day definitely says something about Michigan Law and what it values in its student community, and I'm glad I could be a part of that." Jennifer Hou, Section G.

"I thought this year's service day went off without a hitch in part because of the 2 dynamic student coordinators who have definitely raised the standard for Michigan Law's Service Day! My team of students certainly thought outside the box and really helped to shape an exhibit from the ground up. I can't think of any one moment when we weren't laughing or thinking about the best way to accomplish our goal. Everyone played an important part, from providing moral support after completing a their tasks to adding a humorous tone, it was a complete group effort through and through." Juan J. Arévalo, Graduate Admissions Coordinator.

Thanks to all the student, staff, and faculty volunteers. And to all the 1Ls and LLMS: Welcome to Michigan, and thanks for being a part of our commitment to service!

## Don't Forget: There's Life Outside Law School

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Burns Park at the corner of Wells and Baldwin. Call 973-2136 for more information.

### *Literary Events*

Tuesday, September 22, 6 p.m., Michigan author Jon Scieszka launches his new children's book *Robot Zot!*, the tale of a quixotic robot who wants to conquer the earth, at Borders, 3140 Lohr Road.

Wednesday, September 30, 7 p.m., New York Times bestselling author Ellen Hopkins presents her

new novel *Tricks*, the stories of five teens involved in prostitution for five very different reasons, at Borders, 3140 Lohr Road.

Thursday, October 22, 7 p.m., 2007 Nobel Peace Prize co-winner Henry Pollack discusses his book *A World Without Ice*, a book about ice as a force of nature and the potential consequences of a world without ice, at Borders, 612 E. Liberty.

Tuesday, November 11, 7 p.m., New York Times bestseller, *The Daily Show's* resident expert, and the PC in the Apple ads John Hodgman introduces his new book, *More*

*Information Than You Require*, at Borders, 612 E. Liberty.

### *Musical Events*

Friday, October 9, 12:30 p.m., Howie Day will perform live at Borders, 612 E. Liberty. He is scheduled to meet with fans after the performance.

Wednesday, October 28, 12:30 p.m., Ingrid Michaelson will perform from her new release, *Everybody*, live at Borders, 612 E. Liberty.

Go enjoy yourselves while you still can. Winter is coming.



# 1Ls: This Time, With Pirates!

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percent earned an advanced degree. Among that group is Jim Hunt, who earned a Ph.D. in experimental particle physics from Cornell. His work included research with a particle accelerator smashing together beams of electrons and measuring what happens afterward. And what happens afterward is freaky.

If you smash together two baseballs you might expect to find pieces of two baseballs. Or you might find two complete baseballs. But if you smash together two electrons you are likely to find six complete electrons.

What?

"It's like the atomic bomb in reverse," Hunt explained. "You know,  $E=mc^2$ ?"

An atomic bomb converts mass into destructive energy in accordance with Einstein's theory of relativity. Hunt's experiments observed energy being converted into mass ... freakishly.

This year's class also hails from 38 states, Washington D.C., Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. That geographically diverse group included two people working for the Forest Service, in two different states, doing two completely different things.

Sam Brown was a Wilderness

Ranger working in Wyoming and Arizona. He talked with hikers about low impact camping and measured man's effect on fragile ecosystems such as alpine meadows and lakes.

Meanwhile, Nick Hurst served on an engine crew in California helping fight forest fires. One of the first fires Hurst responded to was being fueled by Pacific Ocean-driven winds down a slope and toward a group of homes.

"It was what you picture in a movie," Hurst said.

The group also comes from 144 undergraduate institutions, 14 countries and ranges in ages from 21 to 63. Three percent are non-citizens. Eleven percent have two parents with no degree beyond high school. Their GPA and LSAT statistics are essentially unchanged from last year's, which were an all-time high.

But all of those distinctions pale in comparison to the 1L who identified himself as a "Booty Master." He turned out to be the treasurer of a pirate-themed a cappella group. Strangely enough, he wasn't the only pirate a cappella singer Zearfoss admitted. Sadly, the other bilge rat didn't end up coming here.

"We could have cornered the market on pirate a cappella singers," Zearfoss lamented.

Maybe next year.

# Posner, Lube, and Dildos

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to experiment with temperature (ice cubes, that warming gel, etc.) in your sex life. You can also use any sorts of lube with a glass dildo, free from concerns of degrading the material. However, I wouldn't recommend just throwing your glass sex toys into the wash if you have a roomie - though it's not that it's a somehow unsafe practice, the decision not to handwash could potentially lead some awfully awkward conversations . . . especially if you live in Phid House.

What the court did make abundantly clear was that, since borosilicate glass has been in use for over a century, and glass dildos have been around for some time as well, simply coming up with the idea to make a glass sex toy out of a different, pre-existing, better adapted to the knocking of boots kind of glass is a common-sensical substitution. Since Know Mind didn't seem to appreciably alter the amount of "oxide of boron" in their products that commonly available to the public, their patent on borosilicate glass dildos just doesn't make the grade.

Like I said, it's a super short opinion, so I recommend taking a gander if you're interested, but some part of me yet mourns that instead of being about sexual discovery, RealSex is now going to forever be linked in my head with patent claims (and likeness rights - remember those street interviews?). Sure, there're upsides - maybe next year SFF can even offer a screening of Real Sex segments relevant to his jurisprudence and scholastic endeavors with Judge Posner himself - but one thing I know for sure . . . it just won't be the same.

*Got questions or suggestions for the RG's award-winning sex columnist? Email her at [betweenthebriefs@gmail.com](mailto:betweenthebriefs@gmail.com) or [pendaflex](mailto:pendaflex) them in the dead of night - don't worry, she won't judge.*

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# Law School Events

## Thursday, Sept. 17

**Constitution Day Breakfast (ACS)** – Kick off Constitution Day with coffee and donuts! 7:30-11 AM; 100HH

**Domestic Violence 101 Training (FLP)** – Join us for training in order to participate in the Family Law Project. 6-8:30 PM; 250HH.

## Friday, Sept. 18

**Election Petitions (LSSS)** - Petitions to run in the Law School Student Senate fall elections due at 5 PM. Email talleymj@umich.edu with questions.

## Monday, Sept. 21-Tuesday, Sept. 22

**Coffee and Donuts (SFF)** – Student Funded Fellowships will be serving free coffee and donuts to students participating in L-Star this year. 8-10 AM; Table outside 100HH.

## Tuesday, Sept. 22-Wednesday, Sept. 23

**Senate Elections (LSSS)** – Vote online for Law School Student Senate Elections at [vote.umich.edu](http://vote.umich.edu). Votes collected all day.

## Wednesday, Sept. 23

**A Career as a Federal Prosecutor (ACS)** - Barbara McQuade, Michigan Law graduate and an assistant US attorney, talks about her career as a federal prosecutor. Last June, she was recommended for the US attorney's post in the Eastern District of Michigan by Senators Levin and Stabenow. Lunch will be served. 12:20-1:10 PM; 218 HH.

**Author Talk with Danielle Citron (MLR and WLSA)** - Professor Citron discusses her essay "Law's Expressive Value in Combating Gender Harassment" (forthcoming in the

Michigan Law Review). Online harassment of women exemplifies twenty-first century behavior that profoundly harms women yet too often remains overlooked and even trivialized. The refusal to recognize harms that uniquely impact women has an important social meaning—it conveys the message that abusive behavior towards women is acceptable and should be tolerated. 12:15-1:15 PM; 150HH.

## Thursday, Sept. 24

**Mentorship Bonfire Kickoff (OPIS)** – Come celebrate OPIS mentorships. Contact Michael Adler ([mjadler@umich.edu](mailto:mjadler@umich.edu)) or Matt Budow ([mbudow@umich.edu](mailto:mbudow@umich.edu)) for more information. 6:30-8:30 PM.

**Bach's Lunch (CMS)** – Take a step back from law school and listen to live music, a quartet performance, with the new Classical Music Society. 12:15-1 PM; Hutchins Courtyard.

## Tuesday, Sept. 29

**Office Hours (OPIS)** – Come learn more about OPIS. 12:20-1:20 PM; 118HH.

**Progressive Pub Trivia** - Come join a coalition of progressive organizations at MLaw, including ACS, ACLU, ELS, OPIS, LSRJ, Outlaws, and NLG, for a night of trivia and fun at Conor O'Neill's. 7 PM-9 PM.

## Wednesday, Sept. 30

**Lunch with Professor Scott Hershovitz (ACS)** - Five lucky members of ACS National will lunch with Professor Hershovitz and ACS will pick up the bill. This opportunity is available on a first-come, first-served basis to students who have registered with ACS National. Contact Jane Khodar-

kovsky at [jk2431@gmail.com](mailto:jk2431@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## Monday, Oct. 12

**Inspiring Paths Series: Ben Berkman, '05 (MHLO & the UM's Center for Ethics in Public Life)** - Mr. Berkman, deputy director of the National Human Genome Research Institute Bioethics Core at NIH, will discuss how he got started in his career, what experiences he undertook while in law school to prepare for his current work, and advice for law students who want to do Health Law and Bioethics work. Lunch provided. 12:15-1:15 PM; 138HH.

## Friday, Oct. 23-Sunday, Oct. 25

**Equal Justice Works Fair (OPIS)** – Group trip to Washington D.C. Contact Michael Adler ([mjadler@umich.edu](mailto:mjadler@umich.edu)) or Matt Budow ([mbudow@umich.edu](mailto:mbudow@umich.edu)) for more information.

## Wednesday, Oct. 28

**Professor Ray DeVries (MHLO)** - The rights and wrongs of Dwarf Tossing are discussed. The topic illuminates themes central to the field of bioethics, such as the issues of human dignity, autonomy, and the protection of vulnerable persons. Lunch Provided. 12:15-1:15 PM; 138HH.

## Thursday, Nov. 16

**The Loss of Law as a Profession (ACS)** - David Nacht '92, the founder of Nacht & Associates in Ann Arbor, will talk about how law has grown into a business and why the typical law school graduate ends up less like Atticus Finch and instead more like Gordon Gekko, the investment banker from the movie Wall Street. Lunch will be served. 12:20-1:10 PM; 138HH.